



City Council

Staff Report

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Mario Krstic, Chief of Police

THROUGH: John Jansons, City Manager *[Signature]*

DATE: July 11, 2016

SUBJECT: Council Request Regarding Commercial Truck Parking on West Terry Avenue

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

It is respectfully recommended that the City Council hear a presentation by Staff of the subject of Commercial Truck Parking on West Terry Avenue and Citywide with possible direction to Staff.

BACKGROUND:

At the request of Mayor Pro Tem Boyer, who inquired about commercial truck parking on West Terry Avenue and by the direction of Council by their consensus, Staff has prepared this presentation and is prepared to take direction of the City Council pertaining to commercial truck parking on West Terry Avenue and citywide, as directed by the City Council.

Commercial truck parking has been discussed a number of times over the past several years. In 2012 there was a concern related to commercial vehicle parking on West Terry Avenue and more specifically the storage of trailers on the public roadway for extended periods of time.

Out of concern brought up by Council at the time, the issue was mitigated by the placement of signs on West Terry Avenue prohibiting overnight parking. This remedied the issue on West Terry Avenue, but as anticipated, it simply moved the commercial vehicles that were parking there to other areas, some of which were in town and others just outside of town.

Since that time there have been off and on issues with commercial vehicles parking for extended periods of time on Farmersville Blvd. and occasionally on the outskirts of town on Visalia Road, Walnut Ave., and Virginia Street. Complaints have been infrequent, but there have been a few from time to time. These have been addressed on a case by case basis and appropriate action taken in each case.

DISCUSSION:

There is currently no overnight parking of commercial or any other vehicles on West Terry Avenue. Since the construction of the solar power plant at the west end of West Terry Avenue and improvements made to other businesses on West Terry Avenue the U-turn of a large

commercial vehicle would not be possible without a multi-point maneuver or the use of private property in order to make the turn. In addition, the condition of West Terry Avenue is deteriorating with a couple of fairly large depressions that are beginning to form. As a result large commercial vehicle traffic would only serve to speed the deterioration of the roadway and the issue of the subsiding road-bed.

Staff has occasionally received complaints related to truck parking and trailers being left on the roadside. The majority of these complaints have been related to commercial vehicles parked outside of the City limits. Other complaints have been related to trucks parked on the east shoulder of Farmersville Blvd north of Walnut Ave. This current issue will be partially mitigated by the completion of the Rite-Aid Project, which will limit any parking near the intersection and by the eventual improvement and widening of to North Farmersville Blvd. beginning in the next 24 months. The North Farmersville Blvd. project will, in addition to widening Farmersville Blvd., will install center medians with turn pockets, add bike lanes, and install bus cutouts at select locations on Farmersville Blvd. This project will prohibit on street parking along North Farmersville Blvd which will effectively remove any issues of commercial vehicles parking there.

Our current ordinance prohibits the parking of commercial vehicles in residential neighborhoods, but allows it in commercial and industrial areas unless posted otherwise.

COORDINATION & REVIEW:

The contents of this report has been coordinated with, and revered by, the City Manager.

ALTERNATIVES:

No action has been proposed at this time, and as a result no alternatives have been proposed.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Unknown as no action has been proposed.

CONCLUSION:

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ATTACHMENT(S): 1- FMC Section 10.56

Respectfully Submitted:



Mario Krstic
Chief of Police

Approved By:



John Jansons
City Manager

Chapter 10.56 - ADDITIONAL PARKING REGULATIONS

Sections:

10.56.010 - Use of streets for storage of vehicles prohibited.

- A. Any person who owns or has possession, custody or control of any vehicle shall not park any vehicle upon any public street or dedicated alley for more than seventy- two consecutive hours.
- B. In the event a vehicle is parked or left standing upon a public street or dedicated alley in excess of a consecutive period of seventy-two hours, any sworn member of the police department may remove such vehicle from the street in the manner and subject to the requirements of Section 22651 of the California Vehicle Code.

(Ord. 290 § 7, 1985: Ord. 217 § 1, 1979)

Chapter 10.60 - PARKING LARGE TRUCKS IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS—VEHICLES CONTAINING TOXIC OR HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

Sections:

10.60.010 - Restrictions on large trucks parking in residential areas.

It is unlawful to leave, park, cause or allow to be parked any commercial vehicle of more than two- ton capacity commonly described as a truck, truck and trailer, trailer or tractor whether attended or unattended on any public street, highway or dedicated alley or other public right-of-way within the city except in front of those commercial properties fronting on Visalia Road and Farmersville Boulevard.

(Ord. 290 § 8, 1985: Ord. 254 § 1, 1982)

10.60.020 - Vehicles containing toxic and/or hazardous substances—Obtaining permits from chief of police.

- A. It is unlawful to leave, park, cause or allow to be parked any vehicle on public or private property within any residential area of the city which contains a hazardous material which has been assigned an identification number in the United States Department of Transportation's Emergency Response Guidebook (DOT-P 5800.2) "Hazardous Materials" 1980, or explosives and hazardous materials as defined in Section 353 of the California Vehicle Code, or explosives and hazardous wastes or substances as defined by regulations adopted pursuant to Section 25141 of the California Health and Safety Code.
- B. As each such section or guidebook is amended, republished or re-enacted, from time to time unless the owner or operator of the vehicle obtains from the chief of police a permit authorizing the vehicle to be parked for a specific period of time.
- C. The chief of police shall have complete discretion in determining whether the vehicle shall be authorized to receive a permit and shall consider such matters in his determination as the public's health and safety, the security with which the hazardous material is maintained, how the material is secured against potential vandalism, whether the material is explosive, and the relative toxicity or stability of the substance.

(Ord. 254 § 2, 1982)

10.60.030 - Enforcement.

The chief of police of the city shall cause those individuals vested with the duty or authority to issue traffic violations within such city to conform to the provisions of this chapter.

(Ord. 254 § 3, 1982)